



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 213

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Substitute House Bill No. 5514

House of Representatives, March 29, 2006

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION
FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of Higher
2 Education, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall
3 develop a plan for an alternate route to certification program for school
4 administrators and superintendents. The program shall include
5 mentored apprenticeships. The plan shall include criteria for
6 admission to the program. Not later than September 1, 2006, the
7 Commissioner of Higher Education shall, in accordance with the
8 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report on the plan,
9 including costs and a timetable for implementation of the plan, to the
10 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
11 of matters relating to education.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2006</i> | New section |
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 07 \$ |
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| Higher Ed., Dept. | GF - Cost | 25,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to develop a plan for an alternate route to certification for superintendents and administrators. It is anticipated that development of the plan will cost the DHE approximately \$25,000. The cost is associated with the need to hire specialized consultants.

The Out Years

The cost of developing the plan would be a one time expense, and would not continue into the out years.

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SUPERINTENDENTS.**

SUMMARY:

The bill requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE), in consultation with the State Department of Education, to develop a plan for an alternate route to certification (ARC) program for school administrators and superintendents that includes mentored apprenticeships. The plan must include criteria for program admission, costs, and a timetable for implementation. DHE must report the plan to the Education Committee by September 1, 2006.

DHE already administers an ARC program for teachers. The ARC program prepares highly qualified mid-career adults to become teachers and focuses on teacher shortage subjects identified by the education commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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